

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action mailed September 15, 2003, with a shortened statutory period of three months set to expire December 15, 2003. Claims 1-18 are pending. With this amendment, claims 1, 7, 10, 12, and 17 have been amended; and claims 6, 11, and 16 have been canceled.

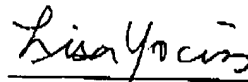
The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 8-10, and 13-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,402,518 issued to *Lowery*. The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by "Mouse with Ears". The Examiner rejected claims 5 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "Mouse with Ears" in view of JP409162768 issued to *Nakazato*.

Applicants have amended the claims to incorporate the features of original claims 1 and 6 in amended claim 1. The features of original claims 1 and 7 are now incorporated in amended claim 7. The features of original claims 10 and 11 are now incorporated in amended claim 10. The features of original claims 12 and 16 are now incorporated in amended claim 12. The features of original claims 12 and 17 are now incorporated in amended claim 17. All claims are now believed to be in an allowable form.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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